

Call for applications

Artistic residency for a South American artist at Utopiana, in Geneva, Switzerland in 2019

Residency supported by the Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia, in the context of its South America programme «COINCIDENCIA».

Programme date: before the end of June 2019.

Application deadline: November 15, 2018, at 23:59 hrs. Swiss time.

For the first time, [Utopiana](#) is partnering with [COINCIDENCIA](#) - South America programme by the [Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia](#), and launches an open call for a three-month residency application. The grant for the residency is offered to artists living in South America and, in dialogue with the thematic axes of COINCIDENCIA, is open to all artistic practices, as long as their interests connect with notions of ecology. There is no age limit.

About Utopiana

[Utopiana](#) is an emerging transdisciplinary artistic platform situated in a house made available by the Geneva city authorities. It runs around three intertwined components of activities: residencies, events and workshops. Since 2010 this approach has enabled the development of three thematic projects:

- **2013** – «Désir sans Destin» featured artists' residencies and a show by Maya Bösch's Sturmfrei company in Utopiana, along with an exhibition and reflective workshops.
- **2015** – «Nature, Adversité, etc.» featured artists' residencies along with an event entitled La Bête et l'Adversité (August-September 2015) with an exhibition, performances, a reflective workshop and practical workshops.
- **2017** – «Biotope/Biochoré» featured artists' residencies along with an event entitled «La Sémiosphère du Commun» (February-March 2017) with an exhibition, performances, reflective workshops and practical workshops.

In **2018**, we're continuing these reflections by setting up a project bringing out various ecological spheres in an unexpected manner. The idea is for «Les 1000 Ecologies» to be a coming together of artistic and ecological perspectives that will take place every two years. The main aim of «1000 Ecologies» is to show in a thousand ways that we are in the midst of nature and that nature is in our midst. To this end, a new alliance between artistic, scientific and reflexive practices is sought, along with a conception of art that is in alliance with other living things.

2019 Theme. We seek to produce other stories, inventing new relationships to the world brought about by today's sensitive, political and ecological configurations. We look to accept social and political relationships with the other living things in nature, to "get away from the idea of the environment, reinventing it as a sphere inhabited by a set of partners, a community of autonomous and globally active entities" and envisage a "diplomatic coexistence between living things".

THE PRO HELVETIA RESIDENCY INCLUDES:

- Travel expenses: international flights
- Accommodation and per diem allowance
- Optional contribution to a production budget

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SELECTED ARTIST:

- Obtaining a visa if necessary
- Obtaining required travel insurance
- Agreement of compliance to the rules and considerations regarding the use of the allocated space
- Engage in any coordinated events and activities that Utopiana requires

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS – Send the following items in a single PDF file:

- **Brief biography** – Send a brief professional biography (300 words maximum), in English (or French).
- **Brief presentation of recent works** – Describe the ideas behind your work in a way that helps the jurors understand its themes, concerns and intentions (300 words maximum).
- **Five images or recordings of recent works** – Send a dossier with five images / recordings of recent works, each with a brief description. Videos must be uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo. Please include the appropriate links and passwords to the videos in the dossier.

THE APPLICANT MUST:

- Submit the application by November 15, 2018 via email to coincidencia@prohelvetia.ch.
- Compile all documentation in a single PDF file of less than 10 MB. Write the following in the subject line and in the name of the file: COINCIDENCIA – Pro Helvetia Residency Utopiana / Name of applicant.

The chosen applicant will be informed by email the latest **by the middle of January 2019**. For further information, please contact coincidencia@prohelvetia.ch